Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Available information is given below:—

(a)			7,292
(b)	1.	Caste Hindus	5,009
	2.	Non-caste Hindus	838
	3.	Christians	1,215
	4.	Muslims	215
	5.	Jews	7
	6.	Others	8
(c)			1,081
(d)	1.	Caste Hindus	912
	2.	Non-caste Hindus	96
	3.	Christians	60
	4.	Muslims	12
	5.	Jews	Nil
	6.	Others	1

Collection of landing dues by Karupadana Contractor.

313. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to state if the said ferry (Karupadanna) contractor is authorised to collect landing dues from passengers and boats landing at the Karupadanna foreshore from Kottapuram and places further south; if so, what are the rates and whether they are duly noticed?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon—Yes. 6 pies per passenger. Yes.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Am I to take it that the ferry contractor is empowered to collect tolls also from passengers?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Yes, the foreshore is within the limits of the Karupadanna ferry and therefore he is entitled to collect the ferry tolls under the rules.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Is there any other region in Cochin State where toll is collected from passengers alighting by boat or other vehicle?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—I would like to know why there is this peculiarity for this Karupadanna foreshore to levy tolls?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Because it comes within the limits of the Karupadana foreshore. It is within the limits of the ferry. If it is within the limits of the ferry he is entitled to collect the tolls.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—May I know whether that is the rule in the Ernakulam foreshore because it is within the limits of the Ernakulam-Matancheri ferry?

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Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—With regard to that I want notice.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—The reason that was stated here will not hold good. The Mulavukad—Ernakulam ferry starting from the Jail Jetty alight the passengers on the foreshore and they are not to pay toll. Is there any other particular reason to collect tolls?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—So far as I see there is no other particular reason. This is done as a matter of practice. I said it only as an inference.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—I wish to know how it has been notified to the public. Is it in the Gazette?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—In the Gazette. The ferries are divided into first class, second class, etc. The first class ferries have the right to fix 6 pies and the others 2 pies.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—I suppose Karupadanna is on the other side. What is the justification in collecting the toll from people coming to Karupadanna from Cranganur?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—If the boats alight passengers within the limits of the ferry, the contractor is allowed to collect the toll.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Does the Government think that it is a very healthy practice to collect this six pies from every passenger because he simply lands there? Will the Government please consider this question?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Yes, I will consider. If there is any injustice done to the people by this toll, I will report to the Government.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Do the Government think that the practice is legal?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I have already said what I have to say in the matter.

Requests from Depressed Class of Poonkunnam for houses.

314. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—താഴെ എഴുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു മറുപടി പറയുവാൻ ബഹുമനപ്പെട്ട ശവമ്മെണ്ടിനു ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ:—

പൂങ്കുന്നം നിവാസികളായ അധഃകൃതർ താമസത്തിനു സ്ഥലം കിട്ടണമെന്നു് അപേക്ഷ അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എത്രനാളായി?

രാമവമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ.—അപേക്ഷ അയച്ചിട്ടില്ല.

Offences motived by self-preservation of property.

315. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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